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**Bellingham Herald - Bellingham likely to shut down body camera program**

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**Wohlfeil, Samantha** <samantha.wohlfeil@bellinghamherald.com>

Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 2:11 PM

To: policevideorequests@gmail.com

Hey there,

I was forwarded your message about your YouTube channel, "Police Video Requests," and how that relates to the body camera program here in Bellingham.

Thanks for contacting us.

Would you be willing to answer a few questions for an article I'm working on about this issue? We don't use anonymous sources except in rare occasions, so I would need you to be willing to go on the record with your real name.

If you'd be willing to do that, please let me know and we can set up a time to talk as soon as possible.

Thanks,  
Samantha Wohlfeil  
Reporter, The Bellingham Herald  
[samantha.wohlfeil@bellinghamherald.com](mailto:samantha.wohlfeil@bellinghamherald.com)  
360.715.2274 (work)  
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Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 2:15 PM

To: "Wohlfeil, Samantha" &lt;samantha.wohlfeil@bellinghamherald.com&gt;

I'm unwilling to release my name due to concerns about harassment from the police.

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**Wohlfeil, Samantha** <samantha.wohlfeil@bellinghamherald.com>

Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 2:22 PM

To: Anon Anon &lt;policevideorequests@gmail.com&gt;

Okay ... I'm curious to know just in general (since I can't use it for a story without your name) why you've requested all of the video? Are you just trying to gather content for your channel, or are you also trying to shut down the programs by requesting these large amounts of video? (I only ask because the news tip you sent sort of made it sound like you felt responsible for the programs getting shut down in various departments).

As far as fearing retribution, don't you have to make public records requests to these agencies and include your name and address on those requests?

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Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 2:29 PM

To: "Wohlfeil, Samantha" <samantha.wohlfeil@bellinghamherald.com>

Recorded interview that will address some of your questions:

<http://kiroradio.com/listen/9979493>

The records are provided via [evidence.com](http://evidence.com) Bellingham knows my IP address and that's it.

Here's the first email from Bellingham. Feel free to file a PRA for my emails the addresses used are [policevideorequests@mail2tor.com](mailto:policevideorequests@mail2tor.com) and [policevideorequests@gmail.com](mailto:policevideorequests@gmail.com) (mail2tor stopped working):

Good afternoon:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request below pursuant to RCW 42.56.520 and to provide a reasonable estimate of the time needed to respond. While the City has only recently begun using body worn cameras, we have already recorded over 200 videos. City staff members will need to review each individual video prior to disclosure to ensure that exempt information is redacted where appropriate. The City will also need to prepare a detailed Exemption Log for each record that is withheld in whole or in part. Moreover, the City does not maintain the videos on its own server, but, rather contracts with a vendor for storage. Therefore, we will need to coordinate with our vendor to collect the videos prior to reviewing them.

For these reasons, the City expects to have the first installment of videos available for you in approximately 30 days.

Thank you,

James Erb  
Asst. City Attorney  
Public Records Officer  
City of Bellingham  
(360)778-8132  
[jeerb@cob.org](mailto:jeerb@cob.org)<mailto:[jeerb@cob.org](mailto:jeerb@cob.org)>

Note: all of my incoming and outgoing email messages are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW).

-----Original Message-----

From: [policevideorequests@mail2tor.com](mailto:policevideorequests@mail2tor.com)<mailto:[policevideorequests@mail2tor.com](mailto:policevideorequests@mail2tor.com)>  
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Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:19 AM

To: MY - [info@cob.org](mailto:info@cob.org)<mailto:[info@cob.org](mailto:info@cob.org)>

Subject: Police records request

This is a public records request for the police department.

I'm requesting all dash and body camera videos not involved in pending litigation.

I would like the requested videos to be uploaded to Youtube by the department at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofbhamwa> or another channel. If the department doesn't want to upload them to its own Youtube account then I would like it to consider uploading it to Youtube via an account I create and maintain. If uninterested in doing that I would like it to consider uploading the videos to a website, FTP server or cloud storage system like Dropbox or Google Drive.

I would like the videos uploaded in installments beginning with the oldest.

On Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 2:22 PM, Wohlfeil, Samantha  
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Draft To: "Wohlfeil, Samantha" <samantha.wohlfeil@bellinghamherald.com>

Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 3:04 PM

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